REPRESENTATIVE DRIEHAUS REACHES OUT TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Driehaus Announces Small Business Questionnaire, Roundtable to Discuss Ideas for Job Creation and Economic Growth

WASHINGTON, **DC**—Representative Steve Driehaus today announced a new effort to bring greater Cincinnati small businesses together to share ideas on job creation and economic growth. Rep. Driehaus encouraged small business owners to complete his new small business questionnaire

(available on his website), and he has scheduled a small-business roundtable to discuss ways to spur local job growth.

"Small businesses are critical for job creation, and I want to hear from local business owners about what is needed to put people back to work," said Rep. Driehaus. "I encourage small businesses across greater Cincinnati to fill out my questionnaire and participate in this program. We will bring together proposals from across the region and discuss ideas to help our small businesses grow and create jobs."

Representative Driehaus's questionnaire is modeled after a survey that the Joint Economic Committee of the United States Congress sent to the heads of Fortune 100 companies as well as leading small businesses. The questionnaire asks about hiring plans in the near future and whether companies believe the current workforce has the skills necessary for the jobs that will be created in an economic expansion. The deadline for questionnaires is March 1, 2010, and participants will be invited to a discussion in late March or early April to develop and build upon responses. More information is available on Rep. Driehaus's website, driehaus.house.gov. ###